

## Wichita's Signal Restoration.

Words nor figures are no longer needed to convince the business interests and property owners of Wichita that their city, having liquidated, is being securely and firmly restored to the status which invited, if it did not warrant the overdone boom of ten years ago. Bankruptcy as a result of a first failure never yet permanently doomed the capable man, but, upon the other hand, nine times out of ten, it accentuated his subsequent triumphs. Wichita in going through bankrupicy, liquidated only by an immense sacrifice of slaughtered values. The penalty that was paid, the loss that has been sustained was by individuals. The things, call them advantages of location, prestige, or what not, those natural and acquired forces which originally signalized the city's destiny, remained unimpaired until finally triumph as, unquestionably, succeeded disaster. If restoration has been tedlous and at times discouraging, the inevitable victory is none the less logical. It has come in the face of the resistance of strongly intrenched foes and in spite of the illconcealed antagonism of the most potential force known to

Wightin is the prestest city in Kansas today, greatest in all the essentials which constitute a commercial center. Hers is the largest field, the broadest foundation, the surest footing. As the coming center of population, as the initial market for native products, as a jobbers' base and distributing point, this city stands unrivalled by any city in the state. Manufacturing and industrial supremacy is just as assured for the one hinges upon the other. With these go the more consequential electrosymany institutions, the more important educational interests. These we already have in ever Increasing numbers and importance

A general outside assent to these propositions is not expected. Such concession is in no wise essential. The fact remains, and it is those most immediately concerned, the people of Wichita themselves, who are the most confident, whose daily experiences and observations confirm the conviction. Whatever of distrust outsiders may feel, there is only confidence upon the part of those in whose hands the destinles of the city rest, upon the part of those who by the development and growth of the city and its business in growing richer and stronger, themselves individually, with every succeeding day, become the more potent factors in shaping the destiny so surely diverned

### A Wichita Boy Who Was There.

All the testimony given before the commissioners invistigating the conduct of the war, as also a consensus of Amer ican opinion, point to the fact that the man behind the gun, whether aboard ship or in the trenches, was all right all the time. The misunderstandings, bickerings, charges and counter charges of inefficiency and failure, come from the shoulder-strapped crowd, the most of them from officers whose straps bear stars. A young man, not much more than a boy, he enlisted three years ago at Fort Riley. In that time he has fought Anache Indians in Arizona, scouted the mountains of Mexico and finally received his discharge in Montana last week. Hadig no home or relatives, he comes back to Cansas and to Wichita. When the war broke out his com-Key West, thence to Santigo. He was on San Juan hill storage to the camp pot, but that was to be expected. He there has been so much criticism, but the criticism came from the officers, not from the men. As the Eagle has said, shore, want of shelter and black powder. There was patriotism, vigilance and activity, and that was all that were required. The American army may be deficient in the commissary department, as General Miles charges, and commanders may shoot too much with their mouths, as Eagan avers, but the rank and tile are all right, and whether propnot his equal in the world.

## Is the Man or Woman to Blame?

Who is responsible for the "new woman," for a condition of things in which women are crowding men out of a thoukilling foolishness? "Give me liberty and equality or death." shricks the club rhapsodist, "Give me work or I starve. moans the shop-slave and saleswoman. One demanding a chance to escape domesticity, the other dreading the inces.

deniable, but it is not the club class. It is those whom th new conditions have forced to be bread-winners. To many of these it would be a joy, the realization of a dream, to be either the "sweet thing" of fashion, whose highest aspiration is the new stitch in embroidery, or to be the real domestic woman protected and provided for by a man equal to the demands of the world and successful. Some of these feel that man has failed of his duty, failed to occupy the place assigned him by God, therefore the present anomalous position of such a large and growing per cent of women; that men have lost their old-time courage, fearlessness and capability, their ancient chivalry towards the weaker sex, and that as woman is forced forward man will inevitably ing the woman of today man is responsible. Too many women of today are doplorably inefficient, fad-degenerates and club devotees, or, upon the other hand, are masculine, aggressive, clamorous for notoriety and greedy. The levelheaded, successful and self-contained man wants as little winners there is a large contingent who long for a home and its duties, and with it the chivalrous care of a self-sufficient man. It is the exceptional woman, after all, that grows feverish in her longing for breeches, the exceptional woman who prefers the street to her home, and who loves

#### The World Against a Lone Woman.

The fight over the late Queen of the Hawaiian Islands and her claim for some recognition if her many enforced sacrifices, has been a very one-sided affair. The entire press of the United States are wont to say sarcastic things of her personally, and to make light of her claims. The fact remains, however, that she is not only probably in the right as between man and God, but that she is the greatest individual factor so far as the inhabitants of the islands are oncerned, today. The handful of Americans, led by Sanford Dole and his conferees, who overthrew heredity rule and out of fifty or sixty thousand. Sanford Dole and his colleagues were children with and playmates of Lillouskalani, nor she nor her loyal subjects could ever understand why she was dethroned by them and left a beggar. It is certain that the natives loved her and trusted her, and that they do so still. They, the great majority, would take no part in hauling down their own flag and in hoisting that of the letter or proclamation from her to them telling them that it was all for the best for them and their children, and all on position would cease. But before she can bring herself around to this hard task she naturally desires some assurances that the government of the United States shall in some small way indemnify her for all she was forced to give up. view of the magnificent possession acquired by her over throw. She no doubt is, in some respects, a coarse woman not an Angio-Saxon, or even a Latin, but only the simple separated from the rest of the world by thousands of miles of water. But being on the great highway between the Occi dent and the Orient, they have fallen victims to the sweet discharged from the First United States cavalry, in which of the star of empire, she and her people, and the Eagle, for one, favors settlement, an indemnity, not a commensurate ne, but such an indemnity as will not leave the former Queen of Hawaii a pauper. Every thousand dollars paid her will go farther towards reconciling hir former native

> The prosperity of Wichita is a fine reward for ten years of unquestioning faith in the town, held by all its people. There is no doubt of its unexampled prosperity among those who know, and those who doubt will not be long in learning that in the usual dull weeks following the holidays Wichita s going forward by leaps and bounds,

The children of this country, it has been estimated, con sume \$45,000,000 worth of toys annually. Great care is taken by the manufacturers that a small puff of wind is enough to destroy the strongest toy made.

There is something pleasant in knowing that it was Jerry Simpson's advocacy of the Fast Mail subsidy which partly induced the house of representatives to knock the whole

Poor Roberts of Ulah, he doesn't know what to do. Bluebeard was in his fix, and in trying to remedy it has passed down in history to be condemned by successive generations.

and well. Lachambre is a Frenchman, and as the French believe Dreyfus guilly, they are liable to believe anything,

A French physician has discovered that those who sleep with their mouths shut live the longest. This is particularly so if there is a nervous man around with a club.

Choate, the new ambassader to England, is a typical American. Asked who he would like to be if he were not himself, he sand, "Mrs. Choate's second husband."

a five-year-old boy delivering an exhaustive issay on the Rings of Saturn and the Atmosphere of Venus. A woman seized Shafter with Hobsonian eagerness the

other day and kissed him. The price of emetics in this coun-The house of representatives have knocked out the Fast Mail humbug. And it was one of the best things the house

of representatives ever did. Imperialism is spreading. The Beutenant-governor of South Carolina wears a robe while presiding. Next, Tem

if Eagan had been present he might have had warm tongue on the menu. Among the officers of our army circles the old marriage rule of never being angry at the same time should be

There is a destiny which controls our ends, and after a

little thought Destiny has decided to give Wichita a building Rats are niways with us. They have left our slang and Colonel

When Secretary Alger and Eagan are alone they probably do some significant looking into each other's eyes.

had lost his job under it.

The Keystone state has certainly arched its back against guard duty, but the Colonel soon relieved give

A Roman Father.

Fanny Prosper was a very pretty girl intelligent and with good manners; but as she was the daughter of a washe woman the father of John Felton ex mial alliance between her and his Mr. Felton was a Roman father in every sense of the term, and if he did no save the rights of life and death that were the prerogative of the ancient sires, he was almost as devoid of parental af-

Mr. Felton was a business man, and ooked at life from a business man's point f view, which is that the weak and unntelligent merely subsist by the kindness alert and strong, and are doomed extermination sooner or later. representative of value, just as nd good vocal organs. His eldwas a child after his own heart. He took msiness like a ferret after rats, and money that delighted his father's soul second son was not far behind, but he third appeared to hold business aimos n contempt. His father termed him a "weak sister." and threatened to kick him nto the street. He, however, did not go us far as that, but allowed John to "moon" away his time in various inoffen-sive and inexpensive ways. The marriage

his wife, and she replied that she oped John would see the folly of it, for was "quite impossible.

and one evening had quite a number of guests to dine with them, men and womof less conspicuous position, business men, some artists, and a lion or two of the literary jungle.

e was a trifle ostentatious, might be not excuse it by saying that Washington also ked luxury and pomp? A rich man may feel pride in seeing that his pictures, his bric-a-brac, his illustrated books, are re-garded with interest and respect. When e saw two artists turning over the pages De LoLugpre, he stole gradually near hem to hear what they might say, "The lithographic necessities of the press injure the work," said one,

"It can not be avoided; the plates suggest his style of work very well, how-

"Ab, haw!" said Mr. Felton, breaking with beaming countenance. "You think hem good, valuable? Knocks your hand-work sky high, ah! And to my mind bey could be turned off so rapidly. is because pictures like the

e turned off by the thousand that the Could you do as well?

The artist shrugged his shoulders, not a question of what one can but what one is paid for. Probably e artist could paint better than he does it was worth more to him not to sell to thographers and adapt himself to their work. You might offer him \$20,000 for an riginal painting and see

Mr. Felton pursed his lips,
"I have no money to use in such exeriments. I might not perceive that it was better than these which only 5 for the set. As I said to my boy, John, when he talked of taking lessons in painting, "What is there to learn? Paint what will bring in an open market. What is only appreciated highly by a few is a fad end a folly. The test of shrewdness is to get ahead of others,"

"He said this might do as a rule in business, but not in art; but I tole him there ere tricks in all trades, and the smooth dealer sells pictures over their worth just as any other business man."

"Where is your son now?" "He's gone into the army. We had a ifference of opinion about business meth-I thought night as well be plugging enemies as loafing around town. I've given up expecting that he would do anything to his credit or mine at home. I got him a captain's merly. An excellent, serviceable u commission, and he's drawing more brella, of neat appearance, can be possible. from the government than I ever expected he would earn. Then if he's

Not of much benefit to him."

o a parent if he is in affluent circum

gives his son for his country. The least it can do in return is to compensate him for the sacrifice. I shall make a big kick If he is killed and they try to dispute my claim. Isn't money worth just as much to me as to another? More, for I oppreciate its value and know how to use

A week afterward the two artists met. the course of the conversation that That son of Mr. Felton's is dead-dled Ah! I wonder if his father will get a

'He ought to. His heart is set on it and

believe not.

"What do you mean?"
"His son was married to a girl. Miss Fanny Prosper, I understand, on the eve of his departure for the war. As his widow her claim supersedes all others There was an interval of silence Then

What a shock for the senter. To lose s son, his son's pension, and have his n's widow, the daughter of a washer-oman, engrafted upon his family? Shed tours for the Roman father, for he de

#### Thousand Dollars for a Night's Sleep. (From the Cleveland Piain Dealer.)

A returned Cleveland volunteer tells a man from Wisconsin, who in a fine spirit. The time was when nearly all the tool patriotism had enlisted as a private class umbrelies in this country were dier. He proved a good one, but the exacting duties of camp life soon grew land, although thind guard over an ammunition wagon, t was a chilly night and the rain was It was a chilly night and the rain was falling. To and fro he plodded until his patience was exhausted.

"Dake my gun." he said, "and watch a lectle vile, I want to go The Corporal demorred, but the German

usisted, and finally the good-natured non-com/sh" took his place. Up to the Colonel's tent the German astened. The Colonel was there. The Miles objected to serving the soldiers embalmed beef, but | private saluted. "Colonel," he abruptly inquired, "vat's

> The Colonel knew the German intimate-In fact, Louis, as everybody called was a general favorite, and highly regarded by all who knew the story of his What's it worth?" repeated the smiling

"Yes, vat's it worth? Is it worth five 'More than that, I guess," said the

"Yes," said the Colonel, "I should say is value was just about that amount." et me zo back to mein tent und go to

offer, then he roared.

The German had to go back to his Randall acted as witnesses. Wh

Changes in Umbrellas,

Some twenty-five years ago a silk umbrella was generally regarded in this country as, comparatively, a luxury. Only twenty-one years ago, an old salesman said he remembered going "on the road" from New York to New England, and bewas absolutely useless for him to put erty," by many devious ways, a week of any slik umbrellas in his sample trunk, two before an election—some on the very either with alk or with a fabric which is stopped the importation business, but did a silk mixture. Going back a very long not interfere with the old practice of way, one finds no umbrellas except silk penning the pilado. An attempt to com for the exceptional few, and cotton for pass a mutual agreement by which the for the exceptional few, and cotton for the kind affected by Mrs. Gamp. Succeeding this time, however, there was a considerable period in which alpace and gingham were largely used as an improvement on cotton. Alpaca was given up because it was heavy and clumsy to roll, and gingham also gave way to more destrable substitutes, Among the latter was the Gloria silk, made of allk and wood, which was once used and held equal to real silk, but has now fallen out of favor with manufacturers because of the ex-pense of woel in silk mixtures, as com-

pared with cottor leading fabric today for the covering of medium priced umbrellas is the reject received not the slightest con-deration. ... the fineness of which, in the different "it's a boy's infatuation." he remarked grades, depends chiefly on the cotion

running through the umbrella stick, was

sols as far back as the "los, but it did not first it did not find favor with retailers. who objected that if a man leaned on a vered, however, and now the great ma- ten feet. jority of umbrellas are made with the steel rods. This change was decidedly im-admitted. Admission, however, is east portant, allowing umbrellas to be made much smaller and lighter than before. The ribs of the umbrellas were formally solid, and this pattern is still used in the commonest grades, but the hollow ribs were introduced by a London firm previous to 1840. The latter were at first employed very sparingly, but they became general in the '60s. The same firm, it s said, still makes the best ribs in the market, having a peculiar process of tempering the steel to just the right degree of elasticity and strength. In conse-quence, its ribs are largely imported for the best grades of umbrellas made here, factured in this country. About twenty years ago an improvement was made in the shape of the umbrella frame, so as of goods. Most readers will remember the time, a number of years ago, when many umbrellas were supplied with metal cups to slip down over the tops of the ribs when closed. These cups went out of use because of an improvement in causing them to be bent so as to make the tips lie close to the stick.

In the sizes of umbrellas the twenty-six and twenty-eight-inch makes have long telligent co-workers know the same thing, been the most populas, but in the last been the most populas, but in the most populas nches are also made, chiefly in inferior qualities for the jobbing trade. Most of fenced corral as would one of those Mexithese are sold, it is supposed, to farmers, who wish them to shelter several

mense, including natural sticks, plain and to pass the portal outward from the night mounted, silver, gold, ivory, horn and before the election till taken out in the was introduced for the purpose last year, is expected to be popular for several style of ornamentation. With all the improvements in umbrellas, a first-grade silk one commands as high a price now as upward. No tax receipts are produced it did twenty-five years ago; but, owing to the cheapness of other desirable fabries for covering a very good umbrellican now be bought much lower than for merly. An excellent, serviceable um pert said that \$19 would secure at retail the very best plain umbrella that could possibly be made-the finest natural stick. the finest ribs, and the finest quality of silk. Anything in excess of that, he de-clared, must be paid for the handle.

It is likely that most persons suppose an umbrella is manufactured, in all parts, in a single factory. There was a their own umbrella ribs and sticks, jus as carpenters once made their own doors and sashes, instead of buying them from a factory where they are turned out by was done on the premises except the man macture of ribs and rods. Silk was taken the silver, for mounting, from the made in four hours. Now, however, work is widely divided. One manual facture makes ribs, another rods, other caps, ferrules, and runners, while still its these materials together with the

Speaking ofton vast growth of the trade an old salesman said that he remembered, in 1858, seeing umbreilas peddied from a at but few places except hatters' and tiplying, and immense quantities are soid by the department stores. He said that, according to the United States crosses, the value of the umbreiles manufactured in this country was \$2,000,000 in 1000 and ported from Europe, chiefly from England, although some came from Fran-and Germany. The importations begu priced good fabrics for coverings. A present the imports are said to be very small being principally for a few fashion recently shipped consignments to Cuba and Porto Rico, and they believe that, with the present tariff conditions, a good trade can be built up in those quarters.

## His Terriable Vengeance.

"I'll be even with you" be exclaimed. Thus spake the bitterly chagrined and

"I thought," replied the young woman I had been successful in concealing the

And he fied. What did he do? you ask.

Ah, his was no ordinary revenge He was the editor and proprietor of the He had a photograph of the young wo

He sent it to Chicago and had a cur And the next week he inserted see our

Of a recent weading in wastern Gkla-hama it is said that Bill Jones and Harry

Mexican Voters in Texas.

The conditions governing elections of the banks of the Rio Grande are pegulier Politics, as regards principle, is it." Half the voting power consists of illiterate Mexicans. Up till recently these were largely augmented by imporing told by the head of the house that it tations from the "Land of God and Lab because people would not buy them, eve of it—corralled like so many eatth "Now," he said, "I can't sell anything and voted in batches. The last state leg les there." The great majority of people islature enacted a six months' residence new buy umbrellas which are covered law, in addition to majoralization, and so

> ties failed this borderland, and for their purpose they are very effective. In this respect nothing in Carolinan or Georgian election methods of handling liliteracy out pare with them. There are two of them for his opponent, the sheriff-that-hopes both-the construction and modus oper andi of both being almost identical. An empty building-store or other-facing a public street is usually selected and rent-

"corral" should be disearded by both pur

fore the election. A sine que non-of the premises is that chind there should be ample space available or that can be made so. Curpenter and laborers are set to work, disembow-elling the permanent building more or less France. It was used for women's para- and clearing the ground in the rear of comprising a spacious room in front, with la manufacture here until about 1880. At smaller ones behind, the whole opening for the accommodation of a large closed umbrella, with so slender a stick ber of men. The ordinary fence of such as the tube permitted, the umbrella an enclosure will not do: it is carried would break. The manufacturers persecept to the enemy. Prior to the eve of the election the Mexicans and their friends foregather here nightly, and six nights state of things continues until near the eighth, when each purty marshals its forces for a final demanstration.

The procession over, let us return to the Here the sheriff in office is seen seated on a platform at the end pen, wearing a red rosette, his party color. His ticket is that of the Republican party, from Governor downward. He addresses quite a company of his sup-porters, among whom are a few visitors, helping off with the beer, which is freely passed round. He speaks in Spanish in a subdued voice, commends himself to the voters as having always been their to make it fit close to the stick when friend, and at the same time holds him-closed. This pattern, which is called the self responsible for his colleagues on closed. This pattern, which is called the self responsible for his collengues on the ticket who are candidates for county about politics, Republican or Democrat-

They would not understand it if bounds their horizon just as completely lly freedom; but he knows that, for him, they will vote the Republican

and act accordingly.

The "corral" is rightly christened, as "show" of getting out of a strong, ! can votes escape from that all-night en-closure. Dante's oft-quoted inscription persons at a time, when riding in an would apply. There is only one way out, open wagon.

And that is guarded. Under no pretext is any of those impressed ones allowed mounted, silver, gold, ivory, horn and before the election till taken out in the gun metal. The latter material, which morning and hauled with others like him in 'bus or buggy or wagon to vote, or rather to be voted. There is no system of years to come, with some changes in the registration-the saplent legislators of

# Along the Kansas Nile.

SHAL? Many a fortune is started in Kannas by getting married and "living over the a political mistake, atore."

rified-sort of an embalmed beef. Leedy is to go to Cuba. Cuba is warm.

named in Breidenthal's directions to Albaugh said he didn't want anything. But no one seems to be willing to try the

It is said that when Aguinaido first saw.

extravagance can ever reach It D. R. McCurdy has just here surdiscoil. out of the Colorado pentiontlary, where he was for burglary. The prayers and pe.

sected the New York push took hold of toy Japan on a secret mission:

The new State Board of Charities is exwhat it buys, and the railroad receipts should show it. It should pay the market rice for what it buys and no more, and e quality should be as the contract for states. And its members should not of presents or hanquets from the firms receiving the contract. Things have transpired in former heards which were the cause of tears even among hardened politicians. The secole are not expecting mon doeser.

sucher, choosials and varilla wafers, teal as sirrorgly by the directility or useful, and lemon wafers. The arrangement remained the men to set at all the places, but they will bear the cuae look out of price. Nevertheless it is unpositable to

Outlines of Oklahoma

The biggest fight on confirmation in the ure will come ou Territorial Treaser Thompson.

ell, and a Rough Rider, is the best look-

Thought by the Taloga Advocate: stands for matrimony; invert it and we have W, which stands for war." Major Woodson of Durlington, was

inteer in the civil war with Eagan. He fors not approve of Esgan's attack, how-The statehood convention might mem congress to prod the Dawes com

Diphtheria is rampant in portions of Woods county and some country district schools have been closed in consequance.

All-night saloons are a thing of the past at Oklahoma City, the ordered all of them to close at midnight. Grist Mill Jones of Okiahoma City, is

the man who has taken the dimensions of Amos Ewing's scalp and is grinding his machete. There is a charge of nepotism against the Edmond Normal school abroad in the

taxpayer's league. Some of the boys in the Oklahoma regiment which is to be mustered out February I, will go over to Havana before returning home.

The present legislature will make Stevone of the biggest men away in his head.

Judge Burford says the supreme court is overwhelmed with business. These can be no relief, as the organic act admits of no court of appeals.

Part of the Fort Supply reservation has ongress and now all the Okiahoma legislature has to do is to act.

The real fun in the legislature is going come when confirmations come up and, they do, when locations of territorial estitutions are attempted

Joe Quein, reading cierk of the council, til it resembles a southern zephyr tickling a boll of cotion on a hot aftergood Merton and Grist Mill Jones are both it the house and they were in the first legislature. They are eyeing each other and will have a fight before the session closes

in the territory for years will be the Normal School at Alva. It was to cost \$57.000, but it is said it will come near a The Biddison investigation means a war f it, and an attempt to prevent Barner

By long odds the finest public building

from succeeding himself in 1901, if Mc-Kinley is again president. The Wateriga Republican has sounded a warning to the board of county com-missioners that they are paying too much for stationery and books. The complaint ommon over the territory.

The faction who think they can grind fact that in the past he has been will ing to compromise and fix things up. In the present row they are liable to find

squaw appeared wearing a mask. Feore A Woodward housewife complained that

the potatoes were bigger on top of the banket than beneath. The grower ex-plained to her that the potatoes were growing so fast that the last ones to go

Guthrie land office it was announced that he would take charge of Okiahoma politically. He never intended to do saythin of the kind, which shows how a new-If the present legislature wants to affr

up a horner's next it wants to pass a fe-male suffrage law. The people of the ter-ritory do not want it and the politicians

## Southern Kansas Business Men,

The Chicago store which once sold fivedullar gold pieces for \$4.75 lest maner, but the love was profitable. Substantially the same thing takes place when a merchant for any special reason sells articles at cost or under. But the effect is better in the latter case, gines the one sale makes others, creates a good will and leaves an impression of masterly buyer's attention.

The Chicago Bry Goods Reporter "Rosp your eyes fixed on ferrly than any one else, there will no longer be anything in warry about." The

me McCordy ran a building and loss pilety. Very fire, too, some of them, exociation at Abilene and cleared 19.00 Seems strangs to show firm when snow. The goose with the golden car power stoyens are still due? Not a lift of the

"Newspapers have done much 15

and no two contributions were to be at unitse length. Their bests influent files received. "Cherries and carener or targain prices, as the case may be get refree and not cake, position and

The young women New Years day at which is most obvantageous for the me